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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:  
Eckert

Serial No. 10/056,471

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For: *PROVIDING HIGHLY AUTOMATED  
PROCUREMENT SERVICES*

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DECLARATION OF ATUL MISTRY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.132

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

I, Atul Mistry, do state as follows:

1. I am the inventor named in United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/056,471, entitled "Providing Highly Automated Procurement Services," filed on January 25, 2002 ("Pending Application").
2. I am a person skilled in the relevant art of the subject matter in the Pending Application at the time of the invention.
3. The inventions recited in the claims of the Pending Application have been implemented in the Hewlett-Packard ("HP") Buy-Sell process and have garnered multiple awards both domestically and internationally.
4. The Buy-Sell process is handled by HP's global procurement services group ("GPS").

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5. GPS buys parts from suppliers who have long-term contracts with JHP and sells the parts to HP's customers without revealing pricing information of the suppliers to the customers.
6. The success of HP's GPS has been credited to this unique price-masking process.
7. I acknowledge that false willful statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both (18 U.S.C. 1001) and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon. All statements made of the declarants' own knowledge are true, and all statements (if any) made on information and belief are believed to be true.

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